

**SUFFOLK COUNTY CONSORTIUM  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO  
2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
RECOVERY PROGRAM  
CDBG-R**

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# THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/housing/communitydevelopment.aspx](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/housing/communitydevelopment.aspx)

## ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

### ***A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES***

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD's recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

**B. CDBG-R Information By Activity (Complete for Each Activity)**

**Introduction**

Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocated \$988,581 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to the Suffolk County Consortium to be used for projects that stimulate the economy through infrastructure improvements and the rehabilitation of existing buildings in eligible CDBG areas.

To accomplish this goal, Suffolk County has identified three activities to be assisted with CDBG-R funds:

- 1) Residential Rehabilitation
- 2) Public Improvements and Facilities
- 3) Administration

The Activity Data Spreadsheet provides a description of the above activities that will be implemented with CDBG-R funds.



1) Activity Name: Residential Rehabilitation Program  
Funds Budgeted \$248,705

2) Activity Narrative:

Provision of deferred payment low interest loans to existing owner-occupied housing units occupied by low and moderate income households in the Towns of Brookhaven, and Southampton.

Residential rehabilitation activities being proposed were selected with the priority of awarding contracts within 120 days from the date that funds are made available to the County Consortium. To ensure that this priority is met, the County has or will take the following actions:

- a) Identify residential rehabilitation projects from existing waiting lists so cost estimation and bidding can be accomplished as HUD reviews the Amendment.
- b) Complete any environmental reviews as the amendment is being reviewed by HUD.

The residential rehabilitation activities address the Recovery Act objectives of assisting those most impacted by the recession and also preserve construction jobs. Since the sub-prime lending crisis and the resultant credit crisis, lower income homeowners have not been able to secure funding for necessary repairs to their homes. These lower income households have been adversely impacted by the recession. The use of CDBG-R funds to provide funding to lower income households for residential rehabilitation will enable the County to assist a segment of the population most impacted by the recession.

The construction industry, in particular the housing segment, has been negatively impacted by the economic recession. Suffolk County has lost a significant number of construction jobs during the past two years. The provision of jobs to this segment of the economy will be a key factor in the County's economic recovery.

3) Jobs Created/Retained:

The jobs expected to be retained through the residential rehabilitation activity are all in the construction field. A total of 25 construction jobs are estimated to be retained.

4) Additional Activity Information:

To promote energy conservation with CDBG-R funds, the residential rehabilitation program will incorporate energy star components into the renovation of the homes, as well as green building technologies where possible.

5) Responsible Organization

- a. Citizens interested in obtaining additional information on the residential rehabilitation program included in this amendment can contact:

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Suffolk County Community Development  
P.O. Box 6100  
Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788  
[Joe.sanseverino@co.suffolk.ny.us](mailto:Joe.sanseverino@co.suffolk.ny.us)

Val Biscardi, Commissioner  
Town of Brookhaven  
Independence Hill  
Farmingville, N.Y. 11738  
631-451-6600

John White, Director  
Town of Southampton  
116 Hampton Road  
Southampton, N.Y. 11968  
631-287-5716

1) Activity Name: Public Improvements and Facilities

Funds Budgeted: \$648,778

2) Activity Narrative:

Installation, construction and rehabilitation of public improvements and facilities in the following communities: Center Moriches, Riverhead, Smithtown, Peconic, Patchogue and East Hampton.

All of the public improvement and facilities activities being proposed were selected with the priority of awarding contracts within 120 days from the date that funds are made available to the County Consortium. To ensure that this priority is met; the County has or will take the following actions:

- 1) Environmental reviews for all activities will be initiated at the time the amendment is submitted to HUD so as to be completed when funds are ready to be obligated.
- 2) Architectural and engineering work for the projects has been initiated to reduce the timeline for the bidding process.
- 3) The activities are either stand-alone activities or activities that use CDBG-R funds to fund an additional increment of work on an existing contract.

Suffolk County has seen a significant loss in the number of construction jobs during the economic recession. The construction industry in both the housing and infrastructure segments is a key factor to the economic recovery of the County. As a result, the public improvement and facilities activities selected for funding will address the Recovery Act Objectives as follows:

The public improvement and public facility improvement activities provide much needed construction jobs and investment in infrastructure. The activities selected meet the Recovery Act objectives of: 1) Preserving jobs and promoting economic activity; 2) investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits to low and moderate income communities; and 3) by targeting low and moderate income communities CDBG-R funds will assist households most impacted by the recession.

3) Job Creation/Retention:

The jobs expected to be retained through the public improvement and facilities activities are all in the construction field. A total of 22 construction jobs are estimated to be retained.

4) Additional Activity Information:

The CDBG-R activities that will promote smart growth are the Town of Riverhead Main Street project and the Town of Smithtown Sidewalk Accessibility project. Both of these projects are directed at improvements to neighborhood shopping areas. Both of these activities will promote walkable communities by making improvements to the sidewalks and encouraging pedestrian access.

5) Responsible Organizations:

- a. Citizens interested in obtaining additional information on the activities included in this amendment can contact:

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TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Val Biscardi, Asst. Commissioner  
Community Development Office  
Independence Hill  
Farmingville, N.Y. 11738 631-451-6600

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Thomas Ruhle, Director  
159 Pantigo Road  
East Hampton, N.Y. 11937 631-267-7896

TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

Christine Kempner, Director  
200 Howell Avenue  
Riverhead, N.Y. 11901 631-727-3200

TOWN OF SMITHTOWN

Frank DeRubeis, Director  
Elaine Learnard, CD Administrator  
99 West Main Street  
Smithtown, N.Y. 11787 631 – 360-7540

TOWN OF SOUTHOLD

Philip Beltz  
Town Hall – P.O. Box 1179  
53095 Main Road  
Southold, N.Y. 11971 631 – 765-5806

VILLAGE OF PATCHOGUE

Marian Russo, Director  
P.O. Box 719  
14 Baker Street  
Patchogue, N.Y. 11772 631 – 475-8851

- 1) Activity Name: Administration  
Funds Budgeted: \$91,098
- 2) Activity Narrative:  
Payment of administrative costs associated with the implementation, monitoring and reporting on CDBG-R activities.
- 3) Jobs Created: It is anticipated that one new job will be created to administer this program.
- 4) Additional Activity Information: N.A.



6) Responsible Organization:

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C. Public Comment:

A Public Notice was published in the Suffolk edition of Newsday on May 22, 2009, informing the general public regarding the CDBG-R program and the Amendment to the Action Plan. The Notice also informed the public that the amendment was available for review and download on the County Community Development website and available at several locations throughout the Consortium. The Public Notice also informed the public of the seven day comment period and requested their comments on the Amendment.

The County made the Amendment accessible to the public by making the Amendment available at eleven locations within the Consortium. The locations selected are all accessible to persons with disabilities and included municipal buildings and libraries. To assist the Spanish speaking population, the County has staff available at its offices to provide information on the Amendment. Finally, since not all citizens have internet access, the County made copies of the Amendment available in public libraries and municipal buildings. A copy of the advertisement showing the locations where the amendment was available is provided as part of the Amendment.

No public comments were received on the amendment.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocated \$988,581 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Suffolk County Consortium to be used for projects that stimulate the economy through infrastructure improvements and the rehabilitation of existing buildings in eligible CDBG areas. In order to receive these funds, Suffolk County must submit a substantial amendment to its Consolidated Plan 2008 Annual Action Plan by June 5, 2009.

A summary of the activities to be implemented with CDBG-R is provided below. Beginning on May 21, 2009, the complete substantial amendment can be viewed and downloaded from the Suffolk County website at:

[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/housing/communitydevelopment.aspx](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/housing/communitydevelopment.aspx)

Activities	
Town of Brookhaven Center Moriches Sidewalks and Curbs North Bellport Martha Avenue Park Residential Rehabilitation Administration	\$609,000
Town of East Hampton Residential Rehabilitation	\$ 32,400
Town of Riverhead Downtown Street Improvements Administration	\$ 46,800
Town of Smithtown Removal of Architectural Barriers Administration	\$ 87,600
Town of Southampton Residential Rehabilitation	\$ 61,200
Town of Southold Peconic Community Center Improvements	\$ 39,000
Village of Patchogue Bay Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Administration	\$ 66,000
Suffolk County Administration	\$ 46,581

Suffolk County is now accepting citizen comments on the Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan. Comments should be submitted in writing no later than May 29, 2009 to: Suffolk County Community Development Office, P.O. Box 6100, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788. Copies of the Amendment are available for public inspection at the locations listed below:

Suffolk County  
Community Development Office  
H. Lee Dennison Building - 11th Floor  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788

Town of Brookhaven  
Community Development Office  
Independence Hill  
Farmingville, N.Y. 11937

East Hampton Housing Office  
159 Pantigo Road  
East Hampton, N.Y. 11937

Town of Riverhead  
Community Development Office  
200 Howell Avenue  
Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

Town of Smithtown  
Community Development Office  
99 West Main Street  
Smithtown, N.Y. 11787

Town of Southampton  
Community Development Office  
116 Hampton Road  
Southampton, N.Y. 11968

Town of Southold  
Community Development Office  
Town Hall - 53095 Main Road  
Southold, N.Y. 11971

Village of Patchogue  
Community Development Office  
P.O. Box 719 - 14 Baker Street  
Patchogue, N.Y. 11772

Smithtown Library  
1 North Country Road  
Smithtown, N.Y. 11787

Riverhead Free Library  
330 Court Street  
Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

Middle Country Public Library  
101 Eastwood Boulevard  
Centereach, N.Y. 11720

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